

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry pseudo-documentary, which is nothing more than a free political ad, days before the election is a clear example of their abuse of their license to use the public airways.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But in this case, Sinclair is controlling the airwaves to use as an arm of the Republican Campaign Committee that simply undermines our democracy. Instead of something produced at the highly political and partisan Sinclair/Republican Headquarters, it's more important that we see substantive information that is not so biased about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

In the meantime, the FCC should immediately enjoin Sinclair from its intended blatant illegal act. If the FCC can fine stations for using foul language, certainly it can block foul behavior.

Thank you.